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A MESSAGE FROM REGINA ROMERO

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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Spring — or what feels like spring — is off to a beautiful start here in Tucson. We just came off a wonderful weekend at the Tucson Festival of Books, which attracted 120,000 participants to the University of Arizona campus. These represent locals and visitors to the Old Pueblo, and we are happy for the opportunity to showcase our beautiful community.

Other new beginnings are underway around the city. After plenty of work from the public and private sector, community leaders, and residents, the Tucson Modern Streetcar is gearing up for a July service start date. Keep an eye out for the testing vehicles, as well as the public service campaign educating folks on how to share the road. Local merchants and friends are celebrating the area and the countdown to service, so please head downtown and check out the exciting changes taking shape.

Additionally, The Bond Oversight Commission for Proposition 409 road bond has issued their first annual report. They share information about transportation treatments and the application of road bond dollars.

Finally, we have a lot going on with respect to the budget. Mayor & Council has scheduled a special budget meeting next Tuesday, March 25th to discuss further. Please read on for information regarding proposed Sun Tran efficiencies and fare structure. We need to hear from the community on this critical service, so please take a moment and share your feedback with us. Thank you for your commitment to making our city strong.

In Community,

Regina Romero

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PROPOSITION 409—ROAD BOND

This month, the Bond Oversight Commission issued their first annual report. The Commission was tasked with overseeing the administration of the Proposition 409: Road Recovery Bond project. City voters approved Proposition 409 in 2012, opting to bond for \$100 million worth of improvement to City of Tucson streets.

The commission has been working diligently to oversee this year's contracts and learn more about pavement treatments, public bonds, and city roadway conditions. Their report reviews this work and also makes recommendations for residential roadway improvements. Arterial roadway improvements represent about \$85 million of the package, and were put forward as part of the bond item approved by voters.

The commission reviewed a variety of options for residential roadway improvements, set to total \$15 million. Because repaving our most deteriorated streets represents a much greater investment than restoring streets that are in average or poor shape, the group worked to strike a balance across the city. The residential plan adopted by the commission nearly doubles the amount of good and excellent residential roadways in our community, from 13% to 21%. There is still much work to be done, but we are on our way. The committee will continue meeting to provide oversight to bond administration.



http://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/media-releases/BOC_Report_3-1-14_Final.pdf

Take a look at the full report to learn more about this process. Moving forward, the City along with other local governments will continue to lobby the state legislature to halt the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) sweeps that have been holding back resources normally dedicated to local roadway improvements. There have been positive signs from the state regarding this, thanks to vocal leadership from cities across Arizona as well as our partners in the legislature.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all residents to please report potholes and roadways to the Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT). Constituent complaints are one of the ways TDOT staff determines priority areas of improvement, so if you want to see fixes in your area please take a moment to report the problem. You can do this by calling 791-3154 or emailing a report with the address / detailed location to TDOTSR@tucsonaz.gov

TUCSON FIRE DEPARTMENT MOURNING LOSS

"IF YOU KNEW TOM, YOU KNEW THAT HE LIVED HIS POSITION"



The Tucson Fire Department (TFD) is mourning the loss of Fire Investigator Tom Quesnel, who died last week from cancer. Quesnel began his career with Tucson Fire in 1989 and became a fire cause investigator in 1994. He was scheduled to retire at the end of next year. Quesnel was known nationally for his knowledge and expertise in investigating major fires throughout the Southwest. Since his illness was determined to be work-related, TFD will fly flags at half-staff and members will wear badge shrouds to honor Tom's life and career.

UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTES

PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES & FARE INCREASE OPEN HOUSES

The City of Tucson is currently seeking public comment on proposed changes to our city's transit system. In the face of a challenging recession, staff has been looking at ways to achieve system efficiencies and trim costs. The proposals on the table include potential fare increases and route efficiencies identified by a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). Mayor & Council has yet to weigh in on these proposals, and we are seeking public input from riders and the community.

The COA was an analysis of our system that looked at ridership data, route maps, and service frequency. The recommended changes have been identified as system efficiencies that are intended to allocate resources where most needed. There are some recommended changes to routes affecting Ward 1 residents we would like to call your attention to.

- NEW Route 28 (formerly route 3) to PCC west. Peak service headways (frequency) recommended at every 30 minutes instead of every 15 minutes.
- NEW Route 11/50—Merge with Ajo branch to create crosstown West to East Ajo route without connection at Laos TC.. Increasing route headways from 15 minutes to 10 minutes at peak hours
- NEW Route 12—(formerly 16) to operate along 12th Avenue between Laos TC and Ronstadt TC. Headways from 10 minutes to 15 minutes at peak hours.
- Route 21 & 22—Merger of routes 21 & 22, rerouting to incorporate additional sites. Eliminates some existing service and extends route times by looping to add destination sites.
- Route 27—Midvale Park. Shift peak headways from 15 to 30 minutes

I have some concerns about these recommendations, especially the consolidation of routes that cut into existing service. I want to hear from you as well, about what your Sun Tran priorities are and how you feel about fare increases. There are several proposals out for public comment that you can find at www.suntran.com or at any of the open houses below.

Please take a look at all the recommendations at www.suntran.com and share your comments with Sun Tran at the public meetings below, by calling 792-9222, posting comments online, or attending City Council meetings. Sun Tran staff will be available at public meetings to answer questions and take comments regarding the proposed service changes and fare increase. The Ward 1 hearing will be at El Rio this Saturday, March 22nd.

Saturday, March 22

El Rio Neighborhood Ctr.
1390 W. Speedway
Get there on Routes 5, 22

Tuesday, March 25

1-3 p.m.
El Pueblo Neighborhood Center
101 W. Irvington
Get there on Routes 2, 6, 8, 11, 16, 23,
24, 26, 27, 29, 50, 421,

Wednesday, March 26

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Ward 2 Office
7575 E. Speedway
Get there on Routes 4, 37

Friday, March 28


10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Woods Memorial Library
3455 N. 1st Ave
Get there on Routes 6, 17, 34



HONORING AN AMERICAN HERO

CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ WEEK!

Earlier this month, Tucson's Mayor & Council voted to establish a César E. Chávez Holiday at the City of Tucson. We became the 66th city to establish a holiday in his honor, following Arizona cities Phoenix, Tempe, and South Tucson. I look forward to the day Arizona join Texas, Colorado, and California in recognizing a state holiday, and eventually the nation. Thank you to all who supported the measure!

- ♦ **The César E. Chávez Week Kick Off Celebration** is this Sunday, March 23rd, 2014 at Raices Taller 222 Art Gallery & Workshop (218. E. 6th St. Tucson, AZ 85705). Join in celebration and collaboration with the MECHA de University of Arizona who will help kick off this week! Enjoy FREE food, music, performances and poster making while supporting your local art gallery! Doors open at 12:30 PM. Contact m.e.ch.a.uofa@gmail.com for more information.
 - ♦ **César Chávez Youth Leadership Conference in the Schools** begins **March 24th– 28th** Volunteer presenters will be going through Tucson Unified and Sunnyside Unified School Districts, area charter schools, Pima Community College & the University of Arizona to share the legacy and ideologies of César Estrada Chávez. The presenters have designed their interactive workshops to incorporate the Speaking and Listening standards of the Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards, which require students to develop a range of broadly useful oral communication and interpersonal skills.
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- ♦ **César Chávez: An American Hero Movie Premiere is Friday March 28th!** Join community members for a very special premiere of the movie César Chávez: An American Hero. Get your tickets from the AZ Chávez Holiday Coalition at \$15 for this exciting event! Contact camiliano@yahoo.com for more information on purchasing tickets.
 - ♦ **The 14th Annual César Chávez March in honor of César E. Chávez** will be held on **Saturday, March 29th and will start at 8:30 a.m. and will follow the route from Pueblo High School to Rudy Garcia Park (Rodeo Park)**. Marchers should meet at Pueblo High School. There will be a rally, music and speakers held at the park. For more information, find the César E. Chávez Holiday Coalition on Facebook or email: chavezholidaycoalition@gmail.com
 - ♦ Remember to join us on **Monday, March 31, 2014- César Chávez' Birthday!**- join us as we take a day of service to recognize the hard work and labor of César Chávez and the farm working community. Participate in a neighborhood cleanup or join us at Rudy Garcia Park at 9:00 AM and help out the environment!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY—COMMUNITY JUSTICE BOARDS



Community Justice Boards, a program of the Pima County Attorney's Office, is looking for individuals who are available two evenings a month to work with youth who have committed a minor offense. Volunteers should believe in restorative justice and enjoy guiding youth to make positive life choices, helping youth to gain insight about their actions and working with community members in a team setting. For more information on the program or to learn how to become a volunteer, please call 710-5611 or visit <http://www.pcao.pima.gov/communityjustice.aspx>

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

PIMA COUNTY IN-PERSON HEALTH COVERAGE INFORMATION & ENROLLMENT SITES

The deadline for to sign up for health insurance (ACA) is **March 31, 2014**. Please call **800-377-3536** **Monday- Friday between 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM** for different event locations, on-going enrollment sites and to learn what documents you need to bring with you. Customer service is provided in English and in Spanish. **Se habla español!**

TUESDAY, MARCH 18/ martes 18 de marzo:

University of Arizona Medical Center -South Campus –

2800 E. Ajo Way – 9am-6pm – emergency department

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19/ miercoles 19 de marzo:

Tucson Urban League - 2305 S Park Ave – 4pm to 7pm

University of Arizona Medical Center Main Campus – 1501 N. Campbell Ave – 9am-6pm – cafeteria

SATURDAY, MARCH 22/ sabado 22 de marzo:

Northwest Medical Center Administration – 6180 N. Corona Rd. #101 - 10am-2pm

Tucson Medical Center - Be Safe Saturday – 5301 E. Grant Rd. Lot 11 – 9am-2pm **CPLC Youth Center** – 250 N. Silverbell – 10am-1pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 25 martes 25 de marzo:

University of Arizona Medical Center -South Campus – 2800 E. Ajo Way – 9am-6pm – cafeteria

Sunnyside High School - Sunnyside School District Enrollment Fair –1725 E Bilby Rd – 4pm-7pm - LRC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26/ miercoles 26 de marzo:

Tucson Urban League - 2305 S Park Ave - 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27/ martes 27 de marzo:

El Rio Neighborhood Center – 1390 W. Speedway -5pm-8pm – Moon room

SATURDAY, MARCH 29/ sabado 29 de marzo:

Carondelet St. Joseph's Hospital – 350 N. Wilmot Rd – Canyon Room – 9am-2pm

Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital – 1601 W. St. Mary's Rd – Heritage Room -9am-2pm

CPLC Youth Center – 250 N. Silverbell – 10am-1pm

Northwest Medical Center at Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center -1660 W. Ruthrauff Rd - 10am-2pm

Tucson Urban League - 2305 S. Park Ave – 9am-2pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 30/ domingo 30 de marzo:

Northwest Medical Center - Pima County Library-Wheeler Taft -7800 N. Schisler Dr – 12:30-5pm



On-going Enrollment Sites: ALL REQUIRE AN APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE/ Otros sitios abiertos durante la semana: TODOS REQUIEREN UNA CITA, POR FAVOR LLAME PARA PONER SU CITA

1. **Continental Reserve Urgent Care** – 8333 N. Silverbell Rd. 469-8625
 2. **El Rio Health Center** -839 W Congress – Mon-Fri 8am-4pm, Sat 8am-1pm –#309-3111
 3. **Healthy Beginnings** – 333 W. Ft. Lowell Rd. - Monday-Wednesday, Friday – 1pm-5pm –622-6200
 4. **HOPE** – 1200 N. Country Club Monday – Saturday – Hours Vary –770-1197
 5. **Lazos De Familia** – 344 W. Ajo Way Monday – Friday – 8am-5pm –268-2648
 6. **Northwest Medical Center** – 6180 N. Corona Rd, Suite 101 – Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm – after 5pm 469-8625 or 268-2649
 7. **One Stop Ajo** – 2797 E. Ajo Way Monday – Friday – 8am-5pm –243-6734
 8. **One Stop Rio Nuevo** – 340 W. Commerce Park Loop, Tortolita building - Monday – Thursday – 8am-5pm 268-2651
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FIRST RESPONDERS RECOGNITION & RESPONSE AUTISM TRAINING

Tucson Alliance for Autism is offering training for both First Responders and Teens/Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

First Responders Training- First responders will learn how to recognize and interact with people with ASD and how to balance their own safety needs with that of the individual with ASD. The training will outline some verbal and nonverbal strategies, as well as, provide medical and physical precautions recommended for use during physical stabilization, medical emergency or arrest.

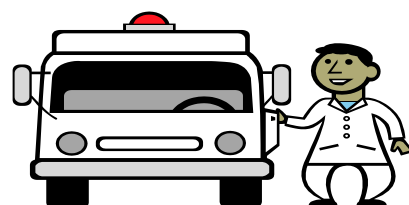
When: Thursday, March 27, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Where: Alice Vail Middle School, 5350 E. 16th St.

Promoting Safe Interaction with the Police- This training is geared toward teens and young adults with ASD, along with their parents, caregivers and teachers. Scenes from the educational film "BE SAFE", a video modeling tool that teaches safe behaviors when interacting with police, fire and other first responders in a variety of situations, will be used.

When: Thursday, March 27, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Alice Vail Middle School, 5350 E. 16th St.



***To register or get more information, please contact Tucson Alliance for Autism at 520-319-5857*

STREETCAR CELEBRATION—SERVICE BEGINS JULY 25TH!

On Tuesday, March 25th starting at 5pm friends of the Tucson Modern Streetcar and downtown vendors will celebrate the countdown to this summer's streetcar service! Come see the "Made in America" streetcars, enjoy music and entertainment as well as merchant specials and discounts. Thanks to our businesses that have worked with us through this project, and all the support from community! Sign up as a Friend and receive a free gift. For more information contact friendsoftucsonstreetcar@mail.com OR 271-2992 and at StreetcarFriends.org

CARGO—FREE GUN LOCKS

Communities Addressing Responsible Gun Ownership or C.A.R.G.O.

is an initiative of the Pima County Attorney's Office to eliminate accidental shootings. Ward 1 is now a distribution site, please stop by the Ward 1 Council office at 940 W Alameda for your free gun lock or call 740-5529 for more information.

VOTER-APPROVED ROAD REPAIR WORK BEGINS ON GRANDE AVENUE

Crews under contract with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), began work today to improve roadway conditions on Grande Avenue, from Congress Street to Starr Pass Boulevard.

The project is part of the voter-approved \$100 million, five-year "Road Recovery" bond program. Crews will work Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Because Grande Avenue is a two-lane road, pilot cars and flag crews will be used to direct travel through the work zone. Please use the frontage road and avoid the area if possible. The project is scheduled to be finished by Friday, March 28, 2014



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City of Tucson Resource Directory – 792-CITY (2489), www.tucsonaz.gov

Business Licenses and Information: 791-4566, www.tucsonaz.gov/business

City Manager's Office: 791-4204

City Attorney: 791-4221

City Clerk and City Council Agendas: 791-4213, <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

City Courts Administrator: 791-4189

City Prosecutor: 791-4104

Code Enforcement: (520) 791-5843, Report violations online <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/code-enforcement>

Community Services: 791-4742

Disability Transportation and Services: 791-5409

Downtown Tucson Partnership: 837-6504

Environmental Services (Trash, Household Hazardous Waste, Brush and Bulky), 791-3171

Elections: 884-8683

Fire Department: 791-4828 Emergency: 911

Graffiti, 792-2489 – Graffiti@tucsonaz.gov

Graffiti on State Property? Call 388-4200

Housing and Community Development: 791-4171

Illegal Dumping: (520) 791-5843

Neighborhoods – Form one? Request a free rolloff? Call 791-4605

Neighborhood Watch - Police Department Community Services Officer – 837-7241

Parks and Recreation: 791-4873

Parking Tickets: 791-4216 103 E. Alameda St. Pay by phone: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/cwp/>

Planning and Development Services Director: 791-5612

Police Emergency - 911

Police (Non-Emergency), 791-4444

Pothole Reporting, Street Lights (report outages - give pole number or address by the light pole), Street Maintenance

791-3154 – tdotstreetstrafficmaint@tucsonaz.gov

Recycling, 791-5000, <http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/>

Senior Citizens Services: Pima Council on Aging – 790-7262

Sewer (Pima County), 740-6609

Small Business Enterprise Program: 791-4593

Tucson Clean and Beautiful (adopt a park or street to cleanup), 791-3109 – Jean Hickman

Voting district? Find your elected officials by entering your address <http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/>

Water Department Customer Service: 791-3242